NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE		CHAPTER Health Services STATEMENT NUMBER 6.13	
SUBJECT:	MEDICAL PAROLE PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE	03/01/08
PROPONENT:	Robert MacLeod, Administrative Dir.  Name/Title  Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707	REVIEW DATE SUPERCEDES PPD#	03/01/09 NEW
	Office Phone #	DATED	N/A
ISSUING OFFICER:		DIRECTOR'S INITIALS DATE	
William Wrenn, Commissioner		APPENDIX ATTACHED: YES NO	
REFERENCE NO: See reference section on last page of PPD.			

#### I. PURPOSE:

To establish policy and procedures to provide eligible inmates parole based on their medical condition.

#### II. APPLICABILITY:

To medical physicians, Administrative Director of Medical and Forensic Services and the Commissioner/designee

#### III. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections that medical parole be granted to those inmates meeting the criteria outlined in RSA 651-A:10-a (attachment 1) and this policy.

#### IV. PROCEDURE:

- A. The following guidelines are to be followed for the Medical Parole Process:
  - 1. The inmate is identified as a possible medical parole candidate.
  - 2. A letter is written by the Department of Corrections' chief medical officer (CMO) supporting the need to be considered for medical parole.
  - 3. The letter is forwarded to the department's Medical Parole Coordinator.
  - 4. Information is obtained and the Request to Initiate Medical Parole Consideration Form (attachment 3) is completed.
  - 5. Information is forwarded to the Director of Medical and Forensic Services for a decision to accept or deny continuation of the process.
  - 6. If accepted by the Director of Medical and Forensic Services, the information will be turned over to the designated Case Counselor/Case Manager (CC/CM) of the facility for continuation of the process. (EACH FACILITY WILL HAVE TWO DESIGNATED PERSONS QUALIFIED IN THE MEDICAL PAROLE PROCESS PACKET).
  - 7. The appropriate warden will be alerted to the initiation of the process by the Medical Parole Coordinator and/or the Director of Medical and Forensic Services.
  - 8. The final packet assembled by the CC/CM will be forwarded to the Medical Parole

- Coordinator and passed along for review (see attachment 3).
- 9. The Commissioner and the Director of Medical and Forensic Services will have the final review of the Medical Parole request. A written recommendation will be sent to the Parole Board to either grant or deny medical parole.
- B. The Administrative Director of Medical and Forensic Services for the Department of Corrections may petition the parole board for a hearing on behalf of an inmate to determine if the inmate is eligible for medical parole.
- C. The following conditions apply for inmates to request a hearing for medical parole:
  - The inmate has a terminal, debilitating, incapacitating or incurable medical condition or syndrome as certified by a physician licensed pursuant to RSA 329:12 (attachment 2).
     If requested by the Parole Board, at least one additional physician has to certify the medical condition or syndrome.
  - 2. The impact of medical care, treatment and resources for the inmate is excessive as determined by the Administrative Director of Medical and Forensic Services.
  - 3. The Parole Board has determined that the inmate will not be a danger to the public and that there is a reasonable probability that the inmate will not violate the law while on medical parole and will conduct himself/herself as a good citizen within the parameters of the law and the conditions stipulated by the Parole Board.
- D. After review of the information provided by a physician licensed pursuant to RSA 329:12, the Commissioner and Administrative Director of Medical and Forensic Services will make a recommendation to the Parole Board to either grant or deny parole to an inmate regardless of the time remaining on their sentence.
- E. If the inmate meets the eligibility requirements stated in this policy, a parole plan (attachment 4) will be submitted to Field Services for approval. The approved plan will be submitted to the Parole Board.
- F. The Parole Board may request as a condition of medical parole, that the inmate submit to periodic medical examinations while on medical parole and comply with any other conditions imposed by the Parole Board. After reviewing any such medical examination the Administrative Director of Medical and Forensic Services will report the findings to the Parole Board. If after reviewing the findings, the Parole Board determines that the parolee no longer has a terminal, debilitating incapacitating or incurable medical condition or syndrome, medical parole shall be revoked and the parolee returned to the custody of the state.
- G. A parolee who is arrested for either not following the conditions of parole or is arrested for a new crime shall be detained at the medical unit or infirmary of an appropriate correctional facility closest to the location where the parolee was arrested.
- H. Inmates who would not be eligible for consideration of medical parole include:
  - 1. Any inmate sentenced to life in prison without parole or sentenced to death
  - 2. Any inmate that is deemed a risk to society due to incomplete program/treatment needs.
- I. In cases where the inmate being considered for medical parole is housed out of state, all the same procedures will be followed with the exception that the physician evaluation may be performed by the attending physician in the state that is currently housing the inmate. Procedures would include the following:
  - 1. To obtain information from the out of state prison system housing the inmate to include a statement from their Chief Medical Officer regarding the medical status along with supporting medical documentation.
  - 2. Review records to determine if the inmate meets the medical parole criteria
  - 3. Develop a parole plan and submit for approval
  - 4. The inmate will be returned to NH for a parole hearing

# Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies Second Edition Standards

# Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions

Fourth Edition Standards

<u>Standards for Adult Community Residential Services</u> Fourth Edition Standards

<u>Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services</u> Third Edition Standards

Other:

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Attachments

#### CHAPTER 651-A PAROLE OF PRISONERS

#### Section 651-A:10-a

#### 651-A:10-a Medical Parole. –

- I. Upon the recommendation of the commissioner of the department of corrections and the administrative director of forensic and medical services, after review of the information provided by a physician licensed pursuant to RSA 329, the parole board may grant medical parole to an inmate residing in a state correctional facility, regardless of the time remaining on his or her sentence, provided all of the following conditions apply:
- (a) The inmate has a terminal, debilitating, incapacitating, or incurable medical condition or syndrome, as certified by a physician licensed pursuant to RSA 329, and, if requested by the parole board, at least one additional physician licensed pursuant to RSA 329.
  - (b) The cost of medical care, treatment, and resources for the inmate is determined to be excessive.
- (c) The parole board has determined that the inmate will not be a danger to the public, and that there is a reasonable probability that the inmate will not violate the law while on medical parole and will conduct himself or herself as a good citizen.
- II. The administrative director of forensic and medical services, on behalf of an inmate, may petition the parole board for hearing to determine if the inmate is eligible for medical parole and if the inmate is eligible, shall submit the parole plan to the parole board.
  - III. Medical parole shall only be granted by a majority vote of the full 7-member parole board.
- IV. The parole board may request, as a condition of medical parole, that such inmate submit to periodic medical examinations while on medical parole and comply with any other parole conditions imposed by the parole board. The administrative director of forensic and medical services, after review of any such medical examination shall report the findings to the parole board. If the parole board, after review of such findings, determines that the parolee no longer has a terminal, debilitating, incapacitating, or incurable medical condition or syndrome, the medical parole shall be revoked and the parolee shall be returned to the custody of the state.
- V. Notwithstanding RSA 504-A:5, a medical parolee who is arrested under the authority of RSA 504-A:4 or RSA 651-A:25 shall be detained at the medical unit or infirmary of the appropriate state correctional facility closest to the location where he or she was arrested.
- VI. An inmate who has been sentenced to life in prison without parole or sentenced to death shall not be eligible for medical parole under this section. Nothing in this provision or law shall be construed to create a right to medical parole for any inmate.
- VII. Notwithstanding RSA 167:18-b, the state shall be responsible for all medicaid costs incurred, net of federal reimbursement, for any inmate granted medical parole under this section, until the earliest date on which parole could have been granted had the inmate not been granted medical parole.

VIII. [Repealed.]

Source. 2004, 218:3, eff. June 11, 2004; 218:5, eff. July 1, 2005.

## CHAPTER 329 PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

#### Examinations and Licenses

## Section 329:12

# 329:12 Qualifications of Licensees. –

- I. Applicants for licensure shall:
  - (a) Pay a fee established by the board.
  - (b) Submit an application in a form prescribed by the board which shall be verified by oath.
  - (c) Demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the board that the applicant:
    - (1) Is 21 years of age or older;
    - (2) Is of good professional character;
    - (3) Has completed at least 2 years of college course work or its equivalent.
- (4) Has studied the treatment of human ailments in a medical school maintaining at the time of such studies a standard satisfactory to the Accreditation Council for Medical Education and has graduated from such school;
- (5) Has completed at least 2 years of postgraduate training approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, or its equivalent as determined by the board. Each applicant who has graduated from an accredited medical school prior to January 1, 1970, is required to have satisfactorily completed at least 12 months in a graduate educational program approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical Association, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
  - (6) Has successfully passed one of the following sets of examinations:
    - (A) National Board Examinations.
    - (B) Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX).
    - (C) United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).
    - (D) Medical Council of Canada Examination (LMCC).
- II. The board may waive the examination requirement for any applicant who has satisfactorily passed one of the following examinations in another state or in Canada:
  - (a) A national examination approved by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
  - (b) The National Board of Medical/Osteopathic Examiners examination.
  - (c) The national medical licensing examination of Canada.

**Source.** 1915, 167:7. 1917, 204:1. PL 204:10. 1937, 150:1. 1939, 139:1. RL 250:10. 1950, 8:6. RSA 329:12. 1969, 326:1. 1970, 3:3. 1973, 72:50. 1975, 186:5; 251:2. 1977, 417:6. 1981, 396:2; 483:8. 1983, 377:5, 6, 12. 1986, 219:11. 1995, 286:11, eff. Jan. 1, 1996.

- 1. Inmate is identified as possible medical parole candidate.
- 2. Letter is written by the Department of Corrections' chief medical officer (CMO) supporting the need to be considered for medical parole.
- 3. Letter forwarded to Medical Parole Coordinator for the DOC.
- 4. Information obtained and initial "Request to Initiate Medical Parole Consideration" form is completed (see attached form).
- 5. Information forwarded to the Director of Medical and Forensics for decision to accept or deny continuation of the process.
- 6. If accepted by the Director of Medical and Forensics, the information will be turned over to the designated CC/CM of the facility for continued process. (EACH FACILITY WILL HAVE TWO DESIGNATED PERSONS QUALIFIED TO PROCESS THE MEDICAL PAROLE PACKAGE).
- 7. The Warden of the facility will be alerted to initiation of the process by the Medical Parole Coordinator and/or the Director of Medical and Forensics.
- 8. The final package assembled by the CC/CM will be forwarded to the Medical Parole Coordinator and passed along for review (see attached checklist).
- 9. Final review of the "Request for Medical Parole" will be done by the Commissioner of Corrections and the Director of Medical and Forensics, with a written recommendation to the Parole Board to either grant or deny medical parole.



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Request to Initiate Medical Parole Consideration

Date:	Facility/Unit:
Name:	ID #:
DOB/Age:	SS#:
MPD:	Max:
Offense:	
Sentence:	
Date of Sentence:	
Medical Diagnosis:	
REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND FORENSIC	SS
Decision Pursue Medical Parole	Yes No

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_



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Request for Medical Parole Package Checklist

NHDOC CMO Letter
Request to Initiate Medical Parole with approval from the Director of Medical and Forensics
Preparole/AHC Interview Form
Information from Victim Advocates Office
Current status of attorney involvement
Risk of reoffending synopsis (if sexual crime, need Sex Offender Program Clinician clearance)
Contact information re: housing/living situation
Contact information re: medical care/plan
Information on means of support
Proof of insurance/medical coverage
Copy of Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI)
Copy of any victim's statements
Copy of police statements or arrest information
Copy of any psychological assessments (particularly front sheet)
Copy of disciplinary history

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

PRE-PAROLE/AHC INTERVIEW FORM

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please read and complete all information. Failure to do so may result in the disapproval of your plan. If you have problems or questions, please see your counselor.

#### FOR PAROLE USE:

Once the form is completed, please send to your CC/CM. Once approved for parole, the plan will be sent to the appropriate probation/parole officer or UM for investigation. If your plan is disapproved, you will be informed of the reasons in writing. You then must submit a new plan for consideration.

FOR AHC USE:	_	
Please submit completed application	n to your counselor.	DATE:
		CHECK IF PV:
NAME:	BOOKING #:	MPD:
DOB: SS	#:	
SUMMARY OF OFFENSE:		
HOME PLAN:		
1) ADDRESS/PHONE #:		
		U? (Full names, relationship to you, and if they are

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**EMPLOYMENT PLAN:** 

1)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PLACE YOU WILL WORK:
2)	NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF YOUR SUPERVISOR:
3)	RATE OF PAY AND NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK YOU WILL WORK:
4)	HOW WILL YOU GET TO WORK?
5)	IF SOMEONE IS DRIVING YOU TO WORK LIST THEIR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND DATE OF BIRTH:
	UCATION PLAN:
1)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL:
2)	CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER:
3)	ATTACH DOCUMENTATION CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT PLAN FOR SCHOOL
4)	WILL YOU BE A FULL TIME STUDENT?
5)	TREATMENT/PROGRAM PLAN (SUBSTANCE ABUSE/SEX OFFENDER)
6)	DID YOU COMPLETE COGNITIVE PROBLEM SOLVING CLASS
IN	MATE SIGNATURE DATE
CC	OUNSELOR/CASE MANAGER SIGNATURE DATE

# New Hampshire Department of Corrections Parole Synopsis

Name	_ ID#	Minimum Parole Date
Offense	_ Sentence	Consecutive/detainer
Suspended sentence	Deferred senten	ce
Restitution		
I. Required and Recommended Programs  Program Name	Completion	n Date or Reason not completed
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II. Elective Programs (educational, vocational,	self-improvement	, volunteer, etc)
Program Name	Date compl	leted
III. Mental Health Status		
Is the offender a client of mental health		
If yes, who is the primary provider?		
Is the offender on psychiatric medications	·	
If yes, which medications		

IV. Medical Status	
Does the offender have any serious medical conditions?	
If yes, please explain	
Does the offender have any disabilities?	
If yes, please explain	
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V. Family Support	
Who is available to assist the offender upon release?	
What type of support and assistance can they provide?	
VI. Reason not in reduced custody (if applicable)	
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VII.Counselor's impression and recommendations	
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Counselor/Case Manager Signature	

# Offender Education and Employment History

Name	ID #
Part I Education and Training	
Name & Location of High School Attended	
Year Graduated	
Degree or Training Received	
Name & Location of College or Technical School Attended	
Year Graduated	
Degree or Training Received	
Part II Other Employable Skills	
Please list all other skills or experiences you have that can he	

Part III Military Experience	
If you are a military veteran, please answer the following:	
Branch of Service	
Dates of Service	
Highest Rank Achieved	
Job Title/Description	
Type of Discharge	
Part IV Employment History	
Employer	
Dates Employed	
Position	
Rate of Pay	
Reason for Leaving	
Employer	
Dates Employed	
Position	
Rate of Pay	
Reason for Leaving	
Employer	
Dates Employed	
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# Offender Comments

1.	In your own words, explain the offense for which you are incarcerated.
2.	Explain why you believe you have earned the privilege of parole.